

Executive Promotions



Larry M. Parkin has been appointed to Chairman and Chief Officer of K mart Apparel Corporation.

Parkin has been senior vice president of K mart Corporation and vice chairman of K mart Apparel Corporation since May 1983. Previously, he was vice president of the Western Region. Earlier Western Region posts included assistant regional manager, merchandise manager, personnel manager and district manager. Parkin also managed several K mart and Kresge stores in the West and Midwest.



Gerald E. Issler has been appointed to Director of Export at KIH. Issler will replace John S. Benner who retired from K mart on March 1.

Issler joined K mart in 1953. He has managed several Kresge and K mart stores. Issler has also served as district manager in the Southern Region, buyer and senior buyer at KIH. In January 1980 he was promoted to vice president, personnel and employee relations, Mel-disc Shoe Company and in February of 1981 he was promoted to vice president, Mel-disc/K mart Relations at Mel-disc Shoe Company. Issler was promoted to his present position of consulting general manager, Canmart Shoe Division, K mart Canada Limited in April 1982.



Mason L. Ludlow has been appointed to Director of Store Planning and Design. Ludlow will share in the responsibilities of this department with D. R. Finch.

Ludlow joined K mart in 1965. He has managed several Kresge and K mart stores and served as district manager in the Central Region. Ludlow was promoted to his present position of assistant director of sales promotion in January 1983.



Ronald B. Jones has been promoted to Director of Store Development.

Jones joined K mart in 1960. He has managed several Kresge and K mart stores and served as district manager in the Western Region.



Patrick F. Padden, Jr. has been promoted to Director of New Business Development.

He joined K mart in 1956. Padden has managed several Kresge and K mart stores, served as district manager in

the Eastern Region, regional merchandise manager of the Eastern Region and buyer at KIH. In 1983 he was promoted to general manager of Kresge and Jupiter stores at KIH and was responsible for opening our first Accents store in Birmingham, Michigan.



John D. Fish has been promoted to General Manager of Kresge and Jupiter Stores.

Fish joined K mart in 1959. He has managed several Kresge and K mart stores and served as district manager in the Midwestern Region. In 1981 he was promoted to director of store merchandising in the Midwestern Region.



James A. Sellers has been promoted to Distribution Center Merchandise Coordinator at KIH.

Sellers joined K mart in 1959. He has managed several Kresge and K mart stores and has served as a special merchandise assistant in the Southern Region. Sellers was promoted to district manager in the Southern Region in 1976.



James R. Robertson has been promoted to Associate Managing Director, Far East, Director K mart Taiwan.

Robertson joined K mart in 1942. He has managed several Kresge and K mart stores. He has served as district manager in the Central Region, regional merchandise manager in the Central Region, co-director of employee relations at KIH, director of employee relations and training, senior buyer, consulting general manager, K mart Division, G. I. Coles & Coy. Ltd., and divisional merchandise manager for Division III.



Paul L. Marshall has been promoted to Managing Director, Kresge-K mart Limited, Far East Operations, effective April 1, 1984.

Marshall will replace Herbert M. Linnum who will retire from K mart Corporation on May 1, 1984.

Marshall joined K mart in 1955. He has managed several Kresge, Jupiter and K mart stores and has served as district manager in the Southern and Central Regions, and buyer and senior buyer as well as associate managing director, Far East, director K mart Taiwan.



Donald E. Metz has been promoted to Senior Buyer of Infants' and Toddlers' Apparel.

Metz joined K mart

in 1960. He has managed several Kresge, Jupiter and K mart stores and served as district manager in both Central and Midwest regions. Since 1972 he has been promoted to buyer; advertising coordinator; sales promotion and advertising manager; and merchandise coordinator of softlines.



Robert C. Bove has been promoted to Buyer in Department 11 Kitchenware.

Bove joined K mart in 1961. He has managed several Kresge and K mart stores, served as district manager in the Eastern Region, regional personnel manager in the Eastern Region and director of store merchandising in the Eastern Region. Bove was promoted to director of store operations in the Eastern Region in January 1983.



Thomas F. Kiernan has been promoted to Buyer in Department 17 Hair Goods, 38 Health & Beauty Aids and 68 Over Counter Drugs.

Kiernan joined K mart in 1955. He has managed several Kresge and K mart stores and served as district manager in the Eastern Region. He was promoted to director of store merchandising in the Eastern Region in 1979.



John D. Spinosi has been promoted to Buyer in Department 4 Toys & Games and 64 Hobbies & Crafts.

He joined K mart in 1956, has managed several Kresge and K mart stores and served as district manager in the Southern and Central Regions. In 1982 Spinosi was promoted to co-buyer.



Leo C. Camara has been promoted to Buyer in Department 17 Hair Goods, 38 Health & Beauty Aids and 68 Over Counter Drugs.

In 1961 he joined K mart. Camara has managed several Kresge and K mart stores and served as district manager in the Eastern Region. He was promoted to co-buyer in 1982.



Craig L. Ortale has been promoted to Buyer in Department 2 Candy, 44 Pet Supplies, 57 Cigarettes and 59 Tobacco Accessories.

Ortale joined K mart in 1958. He has managed several Kresge and K mart stores and has served as district manager in the Central Region. In 1982 he was promoted to co-manager of decentralized merchandise systems at KIH and then to co-buyer in 1982.



James B. Kelley has been promoted to Buyer in Department 43 Horticulture & Decorative Flowers.

Kelley joined K mart in 1966. He has managed several Kresge, Jupiter and K mart stores and has also served as district manager in the Central Region. Kelley was promoted to co-buyer at KIH in 1983.



Henry J. Coerver has been promoted to Buyer in Department 43 Horticulture & Decorative Flowers.

He joined K mart in 1956. Coerver has managed several Kresge, Jupiter and K mart stores and has also served as district manager in the Western Region. He was promoted to co-buyer at KIH in 1982.



Robert E. Barnard has been promoted to Buyer of Men's & Boys' Apparel.

Barnard joined K mart in 1960. Barnard has managed several K mart and Kresge stores and served as a district manager of the Eastern Region. He was promoted to his most current position of co-buyer at KIH in February of 1982.



Robert G. Schmidt has been promoted to Buyer of Men's & Boys' Apparel.

Schmidt joined K mart in 1959. He has managed several K mart, Kresge and Jupiter stores and served as a district manager of the Midwest Region. Schmidt was promoted to his current position of co-buyer in February of 1982.



Elmer A. Vaal has been promoted to Buyer of Men's & Boys' Apparel.

Vaal joined K mart in 1967. He has managed K mart and Kresge stores and served as a district manager in the Central Region. Vaal was promoted to his present position of co-buyer at KIH in February of 1982.



Paul A. Rubin has been promoted to Buyer of Men's & Boys' Apparel.

Rubin joined K mart in 1968. He has managed several Kresge and K mart stores and served as a district manager in the Southern Region. Rubin was promoted to his most recent position of co-buyer at KIH in February of 1982.